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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS, \$7,500,000

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LONDON BANKERS—London and
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HONGKONG,
INTEREST ALLOWED,
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted in London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 27, 1887.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 12.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$2500 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3/4 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded from the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1887.

Intimations.

In the Matter of the Estate of LEONG ON in Liquidation.

NOTICE is hereby given that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of this Estate will be held on MONDAY the 4th July, 1887, at 11 of the CLOCK in the Room, at the Offices of Mr. M. G. CROSS, 18, WINE in the Superior Court, Hongkong. Proceedings for debts against the Estate. All Creditors who have not yet proved should do so on or before the said 4th July, 1887. And after the date the Trustees of the Estate will declare a Dividend having regard only to the claims which shall then have been proved.

Dated 4th June, 1887.

WOTTON & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Trustees of the
above Estate.

NOTICE.

NEITHER the Agents, nor the Owners
will be RESPONSIBLE for any
DEBTS Contracted by the CAPTAIN,
Officers or Crew of the American Barque
Southern Chief during her stay in Hong-
kong Harbour.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 10, 1887.

Intimations.



S. JOHN'S LODGE OF HONGKONG,
No. 618, S. C.

A Regular MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREE-
MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVEN-
ING, the 13th June, at 8.30 p.m.,
precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially
INVITED.

Hongkong, June 13, 1887.

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Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW RECEIVED A NEW STOCK OF

TABLE GLASS WARE,

In a Variety of

ETCHED, CUT, and ENGRAVED PATTERNS in LIQUEURS, HALF-SHERRY,
SHERRY, PORT, CLARET, HOCK, and CHAMPAGNE GLASSES,
CHAMPAGNE, HALF-PIST and PINT TUMBLERS, FINGER
BOWLS, ICE PLATES, QUART and PINT DECANTERS, CLARET
JUGS, WATER JUGS, CUSTARD CUPS, JELLY GLASSES, SALT
CELLARS, CAFÉES and TUMBLERS, BUTTER DISHES, and
CREAM JUGS.

These can be bought in Sets to match throughout, or in odd dozen.

A full Set of above will be exhibited during the week, PRICES VERY MODERATE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887.

Notices to Consignees.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP,
LONDON, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. "Glenora" having arrived
from the above Ports, Commissaries
of Cargo by her and by the S.S. "Tener-
ife" from New York, are hereby informed
that their Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG &
KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY,
LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be
obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-
less notice to the contrary be given before
10 a.m. To-day, the 9th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
15th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 9, 1887.

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FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE

HONGKONG, June 11, 1887.

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Notices of Firms.

STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

MR. JOHN ANDREW has been ap-
pointed Agent for the above Com-
panies in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
CRAWFORD D. KERR,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 9, 1887.

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Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).
The Steamship

Port Augusta,

Hong Kong, Commander, will
be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, 16th June.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887.

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FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Steamship

Mountaineer,

CUNNING, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on the 16th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 11, 1887.

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FOR SINGAPORE.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 3/3 L.L. British Barque

Antelope,

Captain BUNZ, will load here
for the above Port, and will

have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.,

Hongkong, May 31, 1887.

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Mails.

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,

ADEN, SUZI, PORT SAID,

MALTA, MARSEILLE, GIBRALTAR,

BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE,

AND LONDON;

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND

AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bala

of Loading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN

GULF PORTS, MARSEILLE,

TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK

AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship

PEKING, Captain F. SPECK, with Her

Majesty's Mail, will be despatched

to the DONGHAI direct, via SUEZ

CANAL, and to the Ports of Call, on

TUESDAY, 16th June, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until

10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office

on TUESDAY, 16th June, at noon.

For further Particulars regarding

Freight and Passage, apply to the

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are

required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to

note the terms and conditions of the Com-

pany's Black Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their bag-

gage can do so on application at the Com-

pany's Office.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 7, 1887.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,

Mr. JOHN F. SHERIDAN.....Proprietor.
Mr. F. H. POLLOCK.....Business Manager.

FOR A FEW NIGHTS ONLY!

COMMENCING

WEDNESDAY,

the 15th June, 1887.

Return of the Established Favourites

JOHN F. SHERIDAN

AND

HIS MATCHLESS COMPANY,

AFTER THEIR BRILLIANT TOUR,

And now en route for London, will appear

on the above date

In a

NEW AND SPECIAL PROGRAMME,

Arranged expressly for the

Return Visit.

Further particulars duly announced.

Box Plan now open at Messrs. LANE,

CRAWFORD & CO.

W. J. ALLEN,

Agent.

Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 1075

To-day's Advertisements.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

The Steamship

MENIN,

Captain HELMS, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on SATURDAY, the 18th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 13, 1887. 1115

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, CHEFOO AND TIENSIN.

The Co.'s Steamship

PANDORA,

Captain LEAKE, will be

despatched on above on

MONDAY, the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, June 13, 1887. 1120

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Arragon*, aper having arrived

from the above Ports, Consignees

of Consignments to the Undermentioned

for counter-signature, and to take immediate

delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding her discharge will, at

once landed and stored at Consignees' risk

and expense, and no Fire Insurance will

be effected.

Consignees are hereby informed, that all

Claims must be made immediately, as none

will be entertained after the 20th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, June 13, 1887. 1079

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

Ravena

will leave for the above

place on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Inst., at

10 a.m.

E. L. WOODIN,

Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,

Hongkong, June 13, 1887. 1119

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship

Thales,

Capt. GODDARD, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Inst., at

Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, June 13, 1887. 1118

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship

Zafiro,

Captain TALBOT, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Inst., at

4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, June 13, 1887. 1111

FOR KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

The Steamship

Washington,

Capt. W. REYNELL, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 15th Inst., at

4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, June 13, 1887. 1113

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship

Prion,

Captain BURKE, will be

despatched as above on

FRIDAY, the 17th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, June 13, 1887. 1110

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship

Arragon,

Capt. J. G. OXFORD, will be

despatched for the above

Ports on TUESDAY, the 21st Inst., at

3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 13, 1887. 1117

Shanghai June 9. General.—C. M. S. N.

Co. Juno 13.—

Zafiro, British steamer, 675, R. M. Talbot, Manila June 16, General—Rosenau & Co.

Arragon Aper, British steamer, 1,395, J. G. Oliphant, Calcutta via Madras June 29, Penang June 4, and Singapore 7, General—David Sassoon, Sons & Co.

Kut Song, British steamer, 1,405, W. H. Jackson, Shanghai June 9, General—J. A. Mather, Matheson & Co.

Teaser, British steamer, 2,600, R. H. Seymour, Yokohama June 5, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Penang, British steamer, 2,045, A. B. Daniel, Bombay May 29, and Singapore June 8, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Fuchun, Chinese steamer, from Whampoa.

Decalion, British a/c, 1,374, Aspinwall, Liverpool and Singapore June 7, General—Butterfield & Swire.

DEPARTURES.

June 13.—

Signet, for Hoichow, Alou, for Tonkin.

Molita, for Tonkin.

Norden, for Swatow.

Scalor, for Singapore and London.

Merionethshire, for Yokohama.

Anton, for Swatow.

Sokow, for Macao.

June 13.—

Fuyan, for Whampoa.

Ingraham, for Amoy.

Istria, for Yokohama.

H. Prinsen, for Singapore.

Wanderer, British gunboat, for Shanghai.

Kuonwang, for Swatow and Chefoo.

Kaiyu, for Singapore and Bombay.

Cleared.

Arrived.

Per Fidel's, from Singapore, 187 Chinese.

Per Thales, from Coast Ports, Messrs. L.

J. and R. P. Malcampo, and 79 Chinese.

Per Africana, from Newcastle, 1 European,

4 Malays, and 4 Chinese.

Per Gresham, from Hoichow, 5 Chinese.

Per Telescop, from Singapore, 5 Chinese.

Per Zephyrus, from Macao, 80 Chinese.

Per Aragon Aper, from Calcutta, 60.

Per Fidello, Messrs. M. Z. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Spofforth, Messrs. Chan Ah Fai and servant, 4 European, and 321 Chinese.

Per Kutsing, from Shanghai, 32 Chinese.

Per Telescop, from Yokohama; 74, Mr. T. T. Telescop, and Mrs. T. T. Telescop, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Telescop, and 32 Chinese.

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The *Penang Gazette* learns from Dali that the bounded town of the Dali Railway Company of 500,000 ft. has met with the most pronounced success—the subscription exceeding thirteen times the amount required.

On Sunday morning, the 30th ultimo, a collision occurred in Fusing Harbour between the steamers *Gloucester* and *Gloucester*, by which the former received some slight damage. The *Gloucester* was not damaged.—*Fusing Gazette*.

It is reported from the North (says the *Shanghai Courier*) that the French Syndicate has succeeded in getting the contract for the regulations of the Yellow River. M. Thivierge has left Port Arthur for Chefoo where the contract is to be signed.

The submarine cable, which is shortly expected to arrive in China in the newly-built telegraph vessel *Ice Chen*, will not be laid it is reported, between Taiwanfu and Amoy, as originally intended, but between Taiwan and Foochow. A second cable is to connect Taiwanfu with the Pescadores.—*Shanghai Courier*.

A telegraph was current in Hinga on the 31st ultimo to the effect that the United States Minister at Tokyo had withdrawn from the Treaty Revision Conference. The Germans and French have already experienced the benefit of this sort of co-operation, and perhaps Mr. Hubbard thinks the rôle will suit him also.—*Hongkong News*.

The *Hu Pao* says that the Governor of Formosa, after consultation with Mr. Commissioner Lin Shih-fu, has decided upon a second railway between the north and south prefectures of the island, and that Mr. Spence, of Messrs. Jarrold, Matheson & Co., has been requested to plan the plant. At a place called Tolo K'iu there will be two iron bridges 800 and 600 Chinese feet long.—*C. D. News*.

On the 8th instant, the *N.C. D. News* says that the Customs having purchased the *Erkong*, are sending her south with materials for a lighthouse near Hongkong, we believe. On the following day, however, the *News* says:—We were slightly in error yesterday in stating that the *Erkong* was going to take lighthouse material to Hongkong. She leaves in a day or two for Hongkong, and will then be handed over to Chinese.

On Friday, the 27th ult., says the *Chinese News*, the *Kungtung*, outward bound, ran ashore at the mouth of the Brue K'ien River. While endeavoring to pass a junk in the river, the position of the junk was such that the *Kungtung* had either to cut her down or go into the bank. The captain accepted the latter alternative, and ran up so high that he was unable to get his ship off for a week. On Thursday night or Friday morning the tugs *Heron* and *Kaiti* succeeded in towing her into deep water.

The *Soochow* silk market opened on the 5th of June. Hing-shan and Wu-shi supplied the most silk. Prices range from \$18 to \$22 the 100 cuncos, according to quality. The yield in *Soochow* and Ch'ang-chow Prefectures is far below last year, being only from 30 to 60 per cent. The crop in the former, and from 30 to 40 per cent in the latter. Prices of mulberry leaf from \$200 cash to \$1 and \$2 the pean, according to quality. Cossoms not dear; about \$30 the picul.

It is rumoured abroad (says the *Penang Gazette*) that certain of the Chinese ship-owners insist upon their engineers remaining on board the whole of the day, of departure, and that going ashore, except on business connected with the ship's business, will entail dismissal. We shall perhaps next hear that passengers are forbidden to smoke above the funnel, and on no account to speak to the man at the wheel, or hold-not with the skipper on the bridge.

The *Straits Times* of the 3rd instant says:—A steamer *Glengore*, with the new sugar from Hawick, arrived at the Tanjong Pagar wharf at 11.30 last night, and having taken in 950 tons of coal in 4 hours, resumed her voyage to London at daylight to-day. She had 500 tons tea on board taken at Hankow on a freight of £4, and made the passage from the Red Bay to Singapore in 6 days and 11 hours. Her rival, the *Moraine*, has had a clear start from Singapore of a full week.

WARTING on the 6th instant, the Chinese correspondent of the *N.C. D. News* says:—Now has been received here that the French Treaty with Corea which was concluded on 4th June last year (1886) through His Excellency M. de Cogardon, was ratified at Seoul on 30th May, and that the French Special Envoy, M. Collin de Plancy, and the Commandant Rupel, the French consul, *Asie*, were received in audience by His Majesty the King of Corea on the 31st of May.

SAYS the *Hu Pao*:—A warning conveyed by the local vernacular paper is well worthy of attention on the part of foreign residents. It is stated that counterfeiters of the *Kao* *Fusin* *Nipos* add that even the most experienced money-changer is unable to detect the fraud without minute examination.

It is well known (says the *Osaka Nippon*) that the famous dealers of rock candy made in Corea, but for some time past, a low-priced and inferior article imported from China has almost driven the home product out of the market. Recently, however, improvements have been made in the method of manufacture, and *Osaka* candy is gradually regaining the position it formerly occupied. There are at present 19 sugar candy factories in this city.—*Yedo News*.

The *Hu Pao* says that the Chinese Minister Liu and Hsu, and others accredited to the four western powers, have all applied for sick leave, and that there is a difficulty in finding competent men to replace them, but that the Viceroy Li has nominated the under-secretary Hung for one of the posts. The Marquis Tseng, the remaining 70 candidates nominated for travelling posts, are still in the curing month, and will make election of a dozen of them.—*N.C. D. News*.

THE *Peking Correspondent* of the *Chinese Times* says that the foundation stone of the new Cathedral was laid on Monday last with much ceremony by Monseigneur Tagliebie, the Minister of France, and the Marquis Teleg, deputized to represent the Tung-li Yamen, assisting. After the laying of the stone, a dinner was given by the Bishop at the present Peking, when the Marquis made a speech wishing that the stones they had laid might not be disturbed for 10,000 years (more or less), and complimenting the missionaries very highly, he declared that China was and cleared to be on the best terms with France, and as far as M. Constante wished, he could continue the protection to missionaries which he had intended to them heretofore.

The *Chinese Times* says:—The Telegraph Companies and the Chinese Telegraph Administration have effected an agreement to which the Russian Administration is also a party, by which communication is to be established with the Siberian land lines at Hingchuan, and a tariff established which is not to compare with the cable companies, but the terms of the arrangement are not yet public, but the foreign rights are sufficient to do so. The *Ice Chen* paid the Cable Companies to the Chinese Telegraph, commanding the maintenance of the existing Cable Tariff, to which all messages between China and Europe are to be subjected, with the exception of messages to and from Russia, which are to pass to any part of China for something like 25 cents per word.

THE *Hawke* correspondent of the *N.C. D. News*, writing on the 4th instant as to the export, says:—

A careful canvass of the Chinese leaders to the best of this year's second will find out just sufficiently to meet the excess in the *Ice Chen*. In the case the total supply from that port will be about equal to last year's.

From Kinkiang the export to the 31st May is the same as last season, viz., 19,000,000 lbs. The balance of the crop is being stored and held there. The total first crop from that port is expected to reach 22,000,000 lbs. this year against 21,000,000 lbs. last year; the total yield thence of the whole season having been 29,000,000 lbs.

A DECRETE was issued by the Emperor Dowager, on the 5th inst., instructing the Privy Council to make the necessary preparations for the Emperor's marriage, beforehand, and according to previous arrangement. Her Majesty, however, has everything to do with the State, and especially a manner similar to that State has already expended large sums of money on military purposes, and some of the Peering have been visited by misfortunes. Prince Chin will investigate and pay all accounts connected with this important occasion. The various departments are ordered to report to the Throne what should be done on such an occasion, in accordance with ancient customs, and to obtain the imperial sanction.—*Shanghai Courier*.

THE *QUEEN'S THANKS*.—The following proclamation is published in Saturday's *Gazette*:—

(L.S.) W. G. Cameron.

By His Excellency Major-General William Gordon Cameron, Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Officer Administering the Government and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the Fleet.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF HONGKONG.

His Excellency hereby notifies that he has received instructions to proclaim that Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen desires to render thanks to Almighty God for the many mercies vouchsafed to Her during Her reign, and especially to those which have been vouchsafed through His Excellency, and that it is Her Majesty's desire that this should be made known in all Churches and Places of Worship at any Thanksgiving Services which may be held on the 21st June.

By COMMAND, FREDERICK STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Given at Government House, Hongkong, this 11th day of June, 1887.

FLOGGING PRISONERS AT HONGKONG.

In the House of Commons on the 6th May, in reply to Mr. Powell-Williams, Sir H. Holland said:—In the new set of prison regulations for Hongkong, passed last year, a regulation was included restoring to the power of sentencing prisoners on his own authority to corporal punishment not exceeding twelve strokes of the rattan in cases of mutiny, insubordination or of threatening persons or violence, repetition of threatening language or any act of insubordination requiring to be suppressed by extraordinary means. Each case of the exercise of such power will be reported to the Governor. The power was restored upon the superintendent of the jail for the man who had been condemned to death and that he had been unable to execute the sentence. The *Times* reported that he had been unable to do so, and succeeded in extorting his life. He then forced the muzzle into the tiger's mouth, and the tiger made off with the rifle. Major Lyons was carried to the *Glenelg* Hotel, and it was found that he was badly bitten, a piece of flesh being torn above the knee. He is suffering from inflammation and the severe shock, but the latest accounts state that he is doing well. Nothing has been heard of the tiger, but it is likely he will be accounted for soon.

A REBELLION IN TONGA.

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